

A LONG FELT WANT.

Colored People Not up to Business Ideas—First-class Lodging Houses Needed in Saratoga—A Busy Season—The Baptist Mission Active—An Interesting News Letter—Personal Mention.

Saratoga, N. Y., Special.—In noting the vast number of Negroes who come to Saratoga year after year and being impressed with the thought that there is not one first-class, up-to-date and modernly conducted hotel here for Negroes, it has struck your correspondent as being more than strange some of the many energetic business men of the race turn their eyes in this direction and supply the long felt want. When one considers the fact there is a large and ever increasing number of young men and women holding lucrative positions and who would be glad to spend their vacations at lovely Saratoga, if it were known that there was a first-class—in every particular—hotel here; the thought becomes more emphatic to him that it is strange that so promising a field should be so continually overlooked by the business men of the race.

Some years ago quite an exodus of people from Washington came to Saratoga in search of that pleasure and magnificence which they had heard of so frequently. They found the place all and more than they had anticipated as to location, beauty and general surroundings, but they were sadly disappointed in the accommodations offered them. The result was that these people left the place more or less disgusted and as a rule have come no more. Now these people were from the various departments and schoolrooms and commanded good salaries, and were in a position to pay the price commensurate with an up-to-date hotel, but on arriving here they either had to go to some boarding house in an obscure street or impose upon the hospitality of some friend or former acquaintance. That such a state of affairs was unsatisfactory is proven by the fact that the rest and pleasure-seeking visitor to Saratoga are few and far between. In such a desirable place as Saratoga such a state of affairs should not be. Let some good business man come to Saratoga and open up the right sort of place and we predict for him a veritable Klondike.

The F. D. L. Association still holds the lead in catering to the refined throng which packs its rooms weekly.

At its last public meetings the following talent appeared and delighted their listeners by well rendered selections; Mr. Oscar Jones, trombone solo; (Student of Hampton Institute). Mrs. Teresa Fields, contralto solo; Madame Fields has won great fame as a member of the Drury Operatic Company of New York. Mr. J. D. Douglass, paper "Character to Solve the Negro Problem;" Mr. J. Garrison, classical piano selections. We wish to call special attention to Mr. Jones and Mr. Douglas. These two young men are fresh from their respective schools, Hampton and Haines Institute of Augusta, Ga. In their maiden efforts before a large Northern audience they are commended and have the good wishes of all who see in the Negro a future.

J. G. S.

SARATOGA JOTTINGS.

In a place of such fame as a resort the picturesque scenery and salubrious climate would be of small moment if its summer residences did not contribute to the comfort of the seeker of health and pleasure. Happily in this Venice of the Western Continent. We find a gratifying display of the aesthetic taste in those who provide for the accommodation of the resorter. Among the re-

cently opened cottages is the Perry's on Cherry street, No. 26. Madame Wm. E. Perry, the genial proprietress, has manifested such exquisite taste in furnishing her elegant cottage that with her affability of mien and genial hospitality the Perry Cottage will be one of the most charming and delightful abodes of the season. Among the recent arrivals at the Perry are Mrs. Rebecca Rhodes and niece Miss Georgia Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan of Atlantic City.

The season of Saratoga has been rather slow although the opening was very promising, many were those who tried to make demands on the cash books of the leading hotels which opened June 15th. During the convention of Car Builders and Master Mechanics with which the season was opened, every one you met greeted you with a smile, the dullness which succeeded, countenances which formerly were bright and cheerful assumed a staid and somber aspect indicating, as it were, the loss of dear friends, but at this writing the time having come and the field sports arriving on every train to begin the tramping of the turf with the fleet thoroughbreds from every section, the smiles have quickly returned, we hope to remain until October.

The Baptist Mission of 76 Congress street, Rev. J. L. Mott, pastor, has a successful following. So lively an interest has been manifested in the work of the Mission that its disciples have pledged themselves to augment its usefulness by purchasing a building suitable as a church, thus ample accommodations will be afforded to members of the Baptist faith residing here with the very large number that are here temporarily. The efforts already shown thereto this summer by the Mission have been very successful and encouraging. It is their desire to entertain the cosmopolitan public with a lecture by the great pulpit orator the Rev. Dr. C. T. Walker of New York on the evening of August 1. Half of the proceeds of this lecture will go to the Mission. The sale of tickets has been going on rapidly bidding fair to a great success. The executive committee has secured that large and spacious building known as the Town Hall which with its new equipments will accommodate a much greater number than before. Rev. Dr. Walker having such unbounded reputation especially upon the subject which he will present will no doubt summon a large patronage.

Mr. T. L. W. Boyer, the well known bicycle instructor, is meeting with much success especially among the fair sex. Therefore we recommend him as being competent and a thorough gentleman. He also holds a responsible position on the staff at the U. S. Hotel.

Mr. J. H. Riley, headwaiter at the U. S. Hotel, has shown in every particular competency, and each day of his administration tends to show his popularity to the patrons of the house, his value to the management, and the high appreciation in which he is held by those whom he comes in contact with.

The marriage of Mr. Robert F. Bowden of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Eugenia Davis of Banburg, S. C., took place on Thursday evening July 25th at the residence of Rev. A. Jackson on Spring avenue. They will spend the remainder of the summer here. Their many friends congratulate them and wish them much success in their future life.

Among the notable sojourners here we note: Messrs. William Manning of Philadelphia, J. A. Fields, Washington H. C. Edmonds, Jersey City, Frank Bowser, H. W. Green, N. Y.

S. H. W.

MR. STEWART NOT THE FIRST

Colored Graduate From the University of Minnesota.

Editor The Colored American: the statement is going the rounds of the Press that young Mr. McCant Stewart was the first colored man graduate from the University of Minnesota. This is an error. I thought nothing of it until you had made it a "feature" in The Colored American. For the sake of historical truth it ought to be corrected. Your humble servant graduated from the College department Classical course University of Minn., degree of A. B., Class of 1882, composed of thirty persons, I was accorded the distinguished honor of delivering in Latin the Class Salutatory, generally considered the second Honor in the class.

It is proper for me to add that I made my way through the University, entirely unaided by any one, besides supporting in school a younger sister. I believed at the time that I was demonstrating the possibility of a young man of our race not only mastering the course of study but also of working and paying his own way through college. Neither of these propositions were generally accepted twenty years ago. It has been a matter of regret to me that all these years have passed without another colored graduate from the college department of that great institution, now the second in enrollment in the United States.

If you care to make this correction, I would thank you, but I do not wish to appear in it personally, and would not have noticed it if you had not made it a "feature."

Of course you know it takes much less time and effort to graduate from a professional school than from the college department of a University where the requirements for admission to Freshmen class are higher than most High schools reach.

Very respectfully,

A. F. HILYER.

The Pedagogues at Work.

Miss E. F. G. Merritt, supervising principal of the first three grades of our schools and Miss Lula Chase of Garnett school left Sunday July 25th for Abbeville, S. C. to assist in instructing the summer class at Williams and Ferguson Academy. The course begins on August 1st and closes on September 1st. Rev. E. W. Williams is the principal of the academy and Mrs. Williams is the vice principal.

Departed This Life.

Mrs. Selina A. Burke, wife of the late Daniel M. Burke, died Sunday at her residence, 2221 14th street, northwest. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the 19th Street Baptist church.

Mrs. Louisa Gantt, wife of Daniel Gantt, died Monday at the residence of Mrs. A. Colbert, 1724 Vermont ave. northwest, aged twenty-three years. The obsequies were held Wednesday morning at St. Augustine's church.

Editor Dancy in Town.

Hon. John C. Dancy, Collector of Customs at Wilmington, North Carolina, passed through the city Tuesday of this week, enroute to the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society which met in Atlantic City last Wednesday. He also attended the meeting of the Bishop's council and the connectional council held in the same city Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Dancy is as busy as ever and

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seems to improve with age. He will attend the National Afro American Press Association Tuesday August 6th, in Philadelphia and will remain to the meeting of the National Afro-American Council on the 7th, 8th, and 9th. In addition to his arduous church work, Mr. Dancy finds time to shake hands with his friends and to speak in the highest terms of the matchless administration of President McKinley.

Social Lodge Outing.

On Friday August 16 Social Lodge of G. U. O. of O. F. will give a family picnic at Lake View Park. Special arrangements have been made with the car facilities so that there will be no difficulty in reaching the Park and returning. Take the Metropolitan cars through Georgetown, get off at District line. There you will find a committee who will conduct you to the beautiful Park. There will also be a flag presentation on this occasion to the Columbia Association by the lady friends of the Association. All friends of the Order and friends of the Association are invited to be present. Children under ten years of age accompanied by their parents will be admitted without charge. The committee reserves the right to reject objectionable persons. Admission 25 cents.

Mr. W. H. H. Styles and family of Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting in this city. He is a brother-in-law to Editor T. Thomas Fortune and is a trusted employee of the Railway Mail Service and was a heavy loser by the holocaust at Jacksonville.